

Clark County Coroner
1704 Pinto Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106
(702) 455-3210



AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 3, 2017

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

[REDACTED]

Date of pronounced death is October 2, 2017. The examination is performed by Lary Simms, DO, MPH, Medical Examiner, at 1250 hours, October 3, 2017.

CLOTHING: The body is received unclothed. Accompanying the body are jeans, black belt, multicolored shoes, blue top, black underwear, and tan bra.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: The body is that of a normally developed [REDACTED] adult measuring 68 inches in length and weighing 175 pounds. Rigor mortis is absent. Lividity is present anteriorly and posteriorly and on the right side of the head. The head hair is dark and long and demonstrates a brown ponytail holder. The unshaved scalp is unremarkable. The eyes are closed. The corneas are cloudy and demonstrate soft contact lenses bilaterally. The irides are dark. The surfaces of the eyes bilaterally demonstrate transverse band discoloration (tache noire). The nose, lips and mouth are unremarkable. The teeth are natural and in good repair. No injuries are identified to the external neck. The chest and abdomen show no evidence of natural disease. The abdomen demonstrates scattered striae. The extremities are equally and symmetrically developed. The arms and hands show no evidence of acute injury. The fingernails and toenails are medium in length and the toenails demonstrate decoration. The external genitalia are female and otherwise unremarkable. A tampon string protrudes from the labia. The back and buttocks show no evidence of natural disease.

INVENTORY OF RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS:

COMMENT: Digital radiographs are interpreted on an ENTUITIVE monitor; extracorporeal objects are present.

1. Postmortem regional radiographs of the head and neck are unremarkable.

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2. Postmortem regional radiograph of the chest demonstrates opacification of the right lung field associated with enlargement of the heart shadow; the thoracic vertebral column demonstrates a convex right scoliosis without vertebral wedging; ballistically insignificant bullet fragments are scattered over the left lower chest.
3. Postmortem regional radiographs of the abdomen and pelvis demonstrates ballistically insignificant bullet fragments scattered over the left upper abdomen; the pelvis soft tissue demonstrates benign calcifications.
4. Postmortem regional radiographs of the extremities are unremarkable.

INVENTORY OF GUNSHOT INJURY:

1. Located in the **left back** 19.5 inches from the top of the head and 4.2 inches to the left of the posterior midline is a gunshot wound of entrance measuring 0.22 inch in overall dimension; the wound is composed of a 0.12 inch hole associated with an eccentric abrasion collar measuring up to 0.05 inch in dimension.

The wound courses through the skin and subcutaneous tissues of the left back, courses through the central chest crossing the midline and exits in the lateral aspect of the right breast; the exit wound is irregular in shape measuring 0.5 x 0.6 inch in dimension and is 19.5 inches from the top of the head and 1.5 inches anterior to the right anterior axillary line.

Percutaneous thoracentesis of the left pleural cavity demonstrates gross blood; percutaneous thoracentesis of the right pleural cavity demonstrates gross blood.

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The bullet courses from back-to-front and left-to-right directly. Examination of wound of entrance shows no evidence of close-range firing.

INVENTORY OF ADDITIONAL FINDINGS:

1. The arms bilaterally demonstrate scattered irregular and curvilinear hyperpigmented and hypopigmented areas.
2. The legs bilaterally demonstrate scattered irregular and curvilinear hyperpigmented and hypopigmented areas.
3. The left medial thigh demonstrates an irregular 0.6 inch ecchymosis.
4. Located in the central chest is a longitudinal curvilinear hypopigmented area.

FLUIDS AND TISSUES SUBMITTED:

1. Postmortem chest blood.
2. Postmortem urine.
3. Vitreous humor.

TESTING ORDERED:

1. Toxicologic analysis [NMS: Basic] on autopsy blood.

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OPINION

CAUSE OF DEATH: The cause of death of this [REDACTED] year-old [REDACTED] female, [REDACTED], is GUNSHOT WOUND OF THE LEFT BACK.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lary Simms".

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DATE: Dec 20 2012